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8 November 1954

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25X1A6a 1. Met with [REDACTED] to discuss the financial situation at the [REDACTED]. Told him that we had had rumblings of loose control in that area, that I thought we had taken action to provide him with the necessary financial support, and that I hoped the situation would straighten out completely without delay.

I asked him specifically whether or not he thought he had adequate support. He said that he did except for the fact that clerical help was needed for the administrative side of the house and commented that he was asking for thirteen additional positions.

He advised that he had never been able to get anything specific about alleged "slush funds" at the [REDACTED]

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25X1A9a When I informed him of the allegations against [REDACTED] he seemed to be completely surprised whereupon I told him that I thought he should be completely briefed prior to his return as to what we knew, or thought we knew, about his station. He expressed a keen desire to have this done. I talked to Kirk and [REDACTED] and asked [REDACTED] to pull together all of the information on the [REDACTED] and arrange for a complete briefing (at which I wanted to be present) of [REDACTED] prior to his departure.

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25X1A 2. The following are some of the topics discussed at the Director's Meeting this morning with Assistant Directors and Office Chiefs:

- a. Mr. Dulles explained how the Clark Committee would function, which is generally as follows:

General Clark and Colonel Lane will do the DD/P portion of the study.

Admiral Connally will do the overt side of the house. Staff members working for him are Colonel Miller and Messrs. Magruder and Foley. They will start in the DD/I area (Office of Operations) tomorrow where it is anticipated it will take them about six weeks. The DD/A area will be next and I assume that commencement date will be on or about 1 January 1955.

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- b. Mr. Kirkpatrick spoke of the publicity in connection with the desire of the Republican National Committee to place Republicans in key positions in the Government. Mr. Dulles emphasized that he had never had any political pressure put on him to hire an individual because of his political affiliations and that as long as he was Director of Central Intelligence political affiliations would have absolutely no bearing on the acceptance of employees in this Agency. He stated that he desired his attitude on this subject to have wide dissemination.
- c. I spoke of the chain letter rash which has broken out in Washington and is spilling over from the Pentagon into CIA and stated that in addition to the security aspects of having one's name appear on a list I felt that some bad publicity might come to the Agency if our personnel participated in this racket. The Director emphasized his desire that CIA employees refrain from participating in this scheme.
- d. [REDACTED] reported that the Agency had collected \$44,020 in the Community Chest Campaign, which is more than last year's contribution.
- e. Mr. Saunders reported on progress with the Bureau of the Budget concerning the Fiscal Year 1956 Budget. Mr. Wisner also made some comments and it was emphasized again by the Director that all dealings with the Bureau of the Budget should be with the knowledge of the Deputy Director (Administration) and the Comptroller and through the Office of the Comptroller.
- f. Mr. Dulles also emphasized the necessity of bringing to the attention of the Deputy Director (Administration) those matters which involved other Government agencies, inasmuch as the over-all management aspects of Government seemed to occupy a great deal of the time of our budget representatives.
- g. The Director mentioned our dealings with the press and emphasized the necessity of getting in touch with Colonel Grogan at any time something happened which might break in the press. He specifically mentioned the fire in the basement of Central Building a few days ago as something which should probably have been reported to Colonel Grogan.

3. At the Deputies' Meeting the Director said that he had read the Inspector General's report on the Office of the Comptroller and wanted immediate ac-

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tion taken on it. I told him that we were working on this actively and I have also passed this on to Ed and said that we expected his first comments on or about 1 December.

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5. Mr. Dulles indicated during the Deputies' Meeting that he wanted to write to [REDACTED] and alert him to the fact that General Clark felt that he had not gotten anything from CIA while he was commander in the Far East. Mr. Kirkpatrick is also pulling a report together on this matter. (As far as I can determine, everything furnished to General Clark was passed on by G-2 without giving any credit whatever to CIA.)

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